

Continued Maintenance Dredging of Inner Grays Harbor Starting

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SEATTLE -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District announces that continued maintenance dredging at inner Grays Harbor is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 14 and run through Feb. 14, 2009..

American Construction Company, of Tacoma, Wash., will use a clamshell dredge *Patriot* and a bottom disposal barge *Liberty*. Initially an estimated 400,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the Cow Point Channel Reach will be dredged with open water disposal at the Point Chehalis and South Jetty disposal sites. Inner harbor dredging is expected to begin again in July 2009.

One of the Seattle District's primary missions is to maintain the navigation channels and harbors in the Pacific Northwest. Maintenance and navigation dredging is done frequently in harbor areas, ports and marinas. A significant component of Washington's economy depends on safe navigation and commerce, which in turn depends on dredging the deep-draft federal channel, such as the Grays Harbor.